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ISSUE NUMBER 128...

This is my 97th issue of the MD TAMS Journal as your editor...I will go for 100 but it's getting hard....Any Volunteers? Thanks to all you writers who have supported your Journal. A Rare occasion! I have in my folder enough back articles for the next Journal...Great work by Jane & Russ Sears, Millard Hajek & Wally Stone & Ed Craig...but keep 'em coming...it's YOUR Journal and we all appreciate your good thoughts...THANKS.... ENJOY THE SUMMER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

Upcoming Events:

August 14 – Baltimore Friendly Show – Pikesville Hilton -10 – 4pm
September 3-4 – Interstate Coin Show – Grand Venice Hotel
431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 10 – 5pm
September 11 – Annapolis Coin & Currency Show –
Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 2, Edgewater, MD, 9-4:30pm
October 8 – Swap Meet – Grace United Church – 11am – 1pm
MD TAMS EVENT...
November 19 – Baltimore Convention Center – 11am – 1pm
Whitman Coin Show MD TAMS MEETING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the last three years, the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) has sponsored exhibits at one of the three Whitman Coin shows held each year. The 2011 MSNA Exhibits were on display at the recent Whitman show in March/April. As usual, the Maryland Token and Medal Society sponsors an award for the best exhibit in the token, medal and exonumia category. Many of this year's exhibits fit this category. Congratulations go out to MD TAMS Life Member Sandra Emme who not only won the prize for best token, medal and exonumia exhibit but was also judged as "Best of Show". MSNA Exhibit winners are as follows: FIRST PLACE: "A Brief History of Ballooning" (Sandra Emme) (Also, MD TAMS Best Exonumia exhibit). SECOND PLACE: "The Jewish Lion" (Simcha Kuritzky). THIRD PLACE: "Bethlehem Steel Company" (Bill Stratemeyer). The Maryland Token and Medal Society was well represented as the MSNA Exhibit Chairman was Bryce Doxzon and Sandra and Bill took first and third places respectively. Thanks to all for a job well done. Exhibits such as these are important as an educational venue for are hobby.

Well it is time to talk election again. Since no volunteers have stepped forward, our slate of officers will be the same. If you want to run for office, please let me or another of the officers know and we will include your name in the voting. Voting will be at the November meeting vice the Annual meeting to allow time to present the slate of officers to our membership. This announcement formalizes that slate: PRESIDENT: Ed Craig, VICE-PRESIDENT: Joe Burford, SECRETARY: James Boswell, TREASURER: Bill Stratemeyer, and DIRECTORS: Mill Hajek and Bernie Bodt.

JOURNAL EDITOR NEEDED

We need someone to take over as Journal editor as Will Mumford needs to pass the torch to the next editor. Journal editor is a VERY important position to MD TAMS. Our Journal has been so productive and important to this organization. Let me know if you are interested! Much more discussion on this topic at the annual meeting in June. MANY thanks to Will for his long-standing dedication - more on this in my next President's Message.

April 2, 2011

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center

I-Meeting called to order by President E.L. CRAIG at 11:01am with 18 members (no guests) in attendance. Attendance sheet is attached.

II-Minutes of previous meeting (11-6-10) not read as they had been published in our Journal.

III-Treasurer's Report: read by our Treasurer, W.I. STRATEMEYER. Said report to stand unless/until it is audited.

NOTE: R. SEARS asked about our Book Fund not being immediately available (matter had been discussed by our President and Treasurer).

IV-Committee Reports:

a-Journal:Editor (W.R. MUMFORD) absent so President CRAIG reminded everyone that articles are always needed for our Journal.

b-Constitution & By-Laws: Informal discussions had been held but, no formal meeting has been held recently.

V-New Business:

a-President CRAIG spoke on the MSNA's Exhibits

b-President CRAIG asked for three volunteers to serve as judges for this year's Literary Awards Committee (selections of three articles are to be made from Whole #'s 123, 124, 125 & 126 of our Journals (J. BOSWELL, D. HIRT & W. LENZ were the volunteers))

VI-Old Business:

a-President CRAIG noted that we had acquired additional copies of the Carroll & Frederick Count Canneries book but we only had two copies left

b-President CRAIG also noted that our Febrauary 2011 Swap Meet had been well attended, most people acquired several items for there collections and there was good food available too.

NOTE: Two new members were also signed up at the Swap Meet.

VII-Announcements:

a-President CRAIG & Treasurer STRATEMEYER noted that help was needed at <u>all</u> BANC Shows (they are a major source of funds for us)

b-President CRAIG: Our **ANNUAL MEETING** wlll be held on ***6-16-11*** during the Whitman Show (the Whitman Show will be held in Halls F & G of the Baltimore Convention Center (Room # for our meeting is TBA))

c-President CRAIG & others:MD House bill #206 (concerning taxes on sales above $1, 000.00) is being discussed in Annapolis which would change many things if it passes.

d-President CRAIG:: Elongated coins from the 1993 ANA Host Club sets are available for $4.

e-Mail:Lots of "junk" mail which was thrown in the trash after a short discussion.

f-Secretary BOSWELL reminded every one that he was collecting dues as they are due!

VIII-Show & Tell:

a-R. SEARS-Gwynn Oak Park R.R. item, a "broadside" of the Baltimore Museum, Prospect Park tokens, Swastika tokens & an article on D. POSPISIL

b-J. SHIPLEY-items from Sykesille, MD and a B.P.T. (Baltimore-Philadelphia Turnpike??) token

c-C. NEELY-Medal on the 375th Anniversary of St. Mary's County, MD

d-R. KAMINSKI-The (Baltimore) SUN Newspaper articles on Hampton Notes

IX-Break taken so attendees could "stretch their legs", view the Auction Lots, etc.

X-Auction held (Auctioneer was R. SEARS, he was assisted by E. CRAIG and the two "tabulators" were W. STRATEMEYER & J. BOSWELL) which resulted in $67.10 (in commissions) being added to our Treasury.

XI-Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

James M. BOSWELL, Secretary

E. Levering & Co.

Importers, Jobbers and Roasters of Coffee

By Jane Sears
MD TAMS LM 12

Eugene Levering (1819-1870)
the founder

"Maryland Merchant Tokens" by David E. Schenkman
Project of the Maryland Token and Medal Society, Inc., 1986 page 65

L75a LEVERING'S / ROASTED / COFFEE.
(same as obverse)
blue hard rubber, 32 mm, round H ($22.50 to $35.00)

L75b same as L75a H ($22.50 to $35.00)
red hard rubber, 32mm, round

E. Levering & Company, " importers and jobbers in coffee," went in business at 2 Commerce St. in the 1860. These tokens, which may be a plastic rather than rubber composition, were probably issued around the turn of the century or a little earlier.

Eugene Levering was born on October 24, 1819 in Baltimore, Maryland. His parents was Peter and Hannah (Wilson) Levering. Eugene at the age of 23 started a retail grocery business on November 4,1842. The store was located at the S E corner of Pratt and Hanover Streets. He first advertised his company as Eugene Levering. When his brother Frederick A. Levering joined the firm in 1845, they called it Levering & Brother. (In the directories listings their are two Levering & Bro., - In bold is the one that does not belong to Eugene and Frederick.) They had a large trade in the south. When the breakout of the Civil War caused them extreme losses. Frederick died in July of 1866. The following September, the company name was changed to E. Levering and Company, when Eugene took this sons William Thomas and twins Eugene and Joshua into the business. Their business gradually became more interested in importing, and jobbing green coffee, and dropped the grocery line. Their business sold quality items for CASH only! Mr. Eugene Sr. died on 19th of June 1870 in Baltimore. In his will, he had provided that his sons continue the business for five years, at which time, his interest in the company was withdrawn and his estate was settled. Eugene Jr., continued the business with his brother Joshua. In 1875, the company was reorganized and their brother Leonidas was added to the firm. Then later brother Franklin W. as admitted, still maintaining the same name.

In its time, it was the largest and oldest house of its kind in the United States. In 1881, they erected a large coffee & roasting warehouse with revolving roasters on Chase's Wharf. An establishment was started in Rio in 1885 and later in Santos, Brazil. Levering & Company had traded extensively with Cuba, Central American and South American. The company soon expanded and acquired interest in a fleet of clipper ships.

In 1892, William T. withdrew from the firm. In 1899, Eugene Levering III (now know as Jr., grandson of the founder) joins the firm now called Levering Coffee Company.

In 1900 Eugene Sr. withdraws from the company. He builds the Levering Hall and presents it to the Johns Hopkins University. It was used for the courses and lectures provided for the Young Men's Christian Association. The building was located at Ross Street and Linden Avenue adjoining the McCoy Hall. It measured 44 x 80 feet. The building was destroyed by fire on November 29, 1919. Johns Hopkins University would not rebuild the Hall but, Eugene Levering gave money for it to be rebuild at Homewood. Eugene Levering Sr. died in 1926.

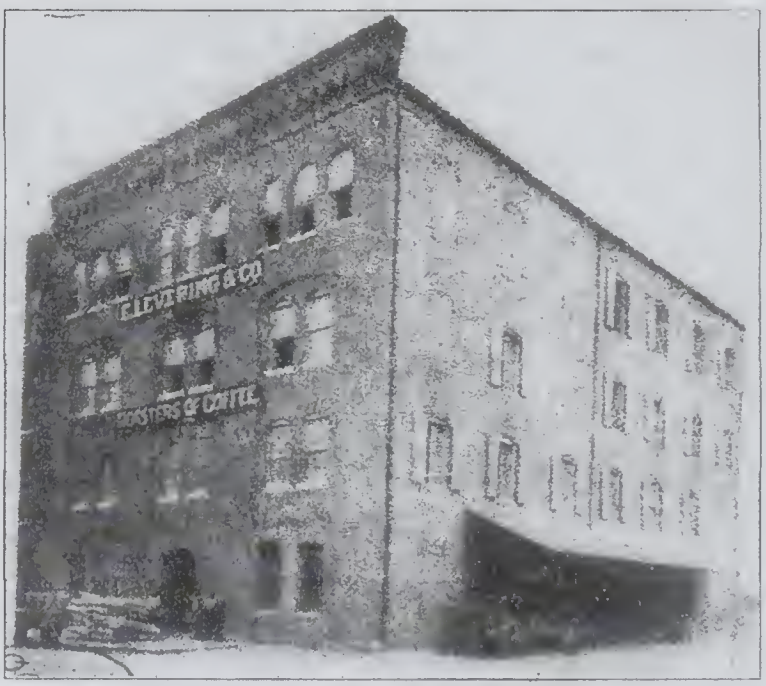
On January 2, 1902, Franklin W. Levering retires from E. Levering & Company.

It was a joint partnership until January 1, 1919, when the business was reorganized and incorporated. Eugene Levering Jr. became president of the organization.

Back in those days, a **Vanity Book** was very popular - a person would pay the publisher to print his name, photo or company information in the publication. Below is one of those books. "Industries of Maryland - A Descriptive Review of the Manufacturing and Mercantile Industries of the City of Baltimore (1882) Historical Publishing Co., Publishers - page 224.

E. Levering & Co., Coffee Dealers, No. 2 Commerce Street. - No name in the State has a longer or more honorable history than that of the Leverings. Dating back to the beginning of the 17th century, they have been the leading citizens of the city and state. Eugene Levering, who, while he lived, was the head of the firm under discussion, was the youngest son of Peter Levering, and was born in this city, October 24th, 1819. He began his business career in the dry goods house of Hoffman & Co., and afterwards with George & Yates, and then went into the general grocery business with his brother, Frederick Levering, on Hanover Street. Frederick died in 1866, and Eugene admitted his sons, Wm. T., Eugene and Joshua, and the title became E. Levering & Co. Mr. Levering, Sr., died June, 1870, and the business was continued unchanged for five years, at the expiration of which time Mr. Leonidas L., the youngest son was also admitted. The house now confines itself to trade in coffee, and it is decidedly the largest coffee house in the city. At about one year ago, in compliance with a demand which has sprung up in trade, they have begun to roast coffee and put it up in pound packages ready for use. The increase of their already vast business demands more accommodation, though the present store is 40x100 feet, and they have had completed a new and very large supplementary warehouse and factory built on Chase's wharf. It is 55x95 feet, and four stories high. The Leverings have a history in this city which they should be very proud of having, always ranked with the very first in this great city in mercantile importance, and in social and religious influence."

Coffee bag from the company



E. Levering & Company's Coffee Warehouse and Mill at Chase's Wharf, Philpot & Thames Sts.

Just some of the items sold at the store before the switch to just coffee and tea.

Prime & Choice Sugar
E. I. Sugar
Choice Vacuum Pan Sugar
New Crop Orleans Sugar
Sugar Brown 6 1/4, 7, 8 and 9 cents
Loaf 11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2, and 13 cents
Old Government Java Coffee
Laguara Coffee
Coffee 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 1/2, 14 and 18 1/2 cents
Burnt do. 12 1/2 and 14 cents
Cresta brand
Tea - Young Hyson 50, 62 1/2, 87 1/2 and $1.25
Old Hyson $ 1.25
Gunspowder 87 1/2 and $1.25
Imperial 62 1/2, 75, $1,12 1/2 and $1.25
Black 75 and $ 1,12 1/2
Vespar Brand tea

Dried Fruit
Peruvian Guano
Choice Caroline Rice
Low grade molassess
Portland, Chesapeake and Merchants syrup
Bath Bricks
Chocolate
Mould Candles
Mustard
Indigo
Spices
Oil- Common 50 cts
Sperm Oil $1 and $1,12 1/2

Baltimore City Directories:

1845	Levering & Bro.	grocers	197 w. Pratt St
	Levering, Eugene, of firm		h. 62 s. Green St.
1847-48	Eugene Levering		dw. 60 s. Green St.
	Levering Co.	wholesale grocers and com mer.	14 Commerce St.
1849-50	Levering, Eugene		dw. 60 s Green St.
	Levering, Fredrick & Eugene, wholesale grocers and com. merchants		14 Commerce St.
	Levering, Fredrick K., firm of L. & Co.		dw. sw cor Camden & Sharp
1853-54	Levering & Co.	grocers & com. mer.	2 Commerce
	Levering, Eugene, firm L & Co.		287 w Lombard
	Fred. A., firm L & Co.		dw sw cor Camden & Sharp
	Levering & Brother,	queensware dealers	118 and 120 w Lombard
1855-56	Levering (Fred A.,) & Co.	wholesale grocers & com. merchant	2 Commerce
	Levering, Eugene, (L. & Co)		259 w Lombard
	Levering & Brother (Madison & Clinton) importers china		98 and 100 w Lombard
1870	Levering E & Co. (E. Sr, Wm T, E. Jr. & J. Levering)	wholesale grocers & com. merchant	2 Commerce
1880	Levering E & Co. (Wm T., E., J., & Leonidas Levering) importer and jobbers in Coffee		2 Commerce
1886	Levering & Co. (Wm T., E., J., and Leonidas Levering)	importers, jobbers and roasters of Coffee	2 Commerce
1890	Levering E & Co. (Wm T., Eugene, Joshua, Leonidas, & F. W. Levering)	importers, jobbers and roasters of Coffee,	102 Commerce
1904	Levering Coffee Co. (Eugene Levering Jr., Wm. J. Ewing)		107 Commerce
	E Levering & Co. (Leonidas Levering)	importer, jobbers & roasters of coffee	102 Commerce
1918-19	E Levering & Co. (Joshua, Eugene & Leonidas)		706 Keyser bld
	Levering Coffee Co. (Eugene Jr.)		102 Commerce
1923	E. Levering & Co. (Eug., Joshua & Leonidas) imports		706 Keyser bldg
	Levering Coffee Co. (Motley, pres. & Martin, v pres.)	coffee importers	105-7 South

Baltimore Newspapers:

November 3, 1842 The Sun, also 4

CHEAP GROCERY STORE - The subscriber has just opened with a full assortment of GROCERIES, at the S E corner PRATT & HANOVER STS. The stock being laid in on good terms. I am determined to sell CHEAP FOR CASH, and respectfully ask to call from the public.

EUGENE LEVERING
S E corner of Pratt & Hanover Sts.

November 13, 1845 The Sun newspaper

Peruvian Guano, received by the ship *Orpheus*, direct from the Pacific, is for sale by the subscribers, in quantities to suit purchasers, at the lowest market price. Also, a quantity of DRIED FRUIT, together with a full assortment of Groceries, at low prices and on accommodating terms.

Levering & Bro.
SE corner Pratt & Hanover Sts.

September 5, 1866 The Sun newspaper
Prime and Choice Sugar

100 hhds. Prime E. I. Sugar
40 do Choice Vacuum Pan Sugar

In store and for Sale by

E. Levering & Co.
No. 2 and 3 Commerce Street

Obituary:

June 20, 1870 (Monday) The Sun

Death of a Merchant - Mr. Eugene Levering, a well - known grocery and commission merchant of this city, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 372 Eutaw Place in his 52 year.

June 21, 1870 (Tuesday) The Sun

LEVERING - On Sunday afternoon in the 52d year of his age - (New York, New Orleans, and St. Louis papers please copy.

The relatives of the family and male friends of the deceased are invited to attend his funeral this (Tuesday) morning, 21st instant, at 10 o'clock, from his late residence No. 372 Eutaw Place.

The Levering family:

Eugene born 24 Oct. 1819 - 19 June1870
Ann S. born 1819

William Thomas	1843
twins < Eugene	12 Sept. 1845 - 2 Aug. 1928
twins < Joshua	12 Sept. 1845
Mary E.	1846 - 5 March 1868
Frederick A.	1849
Leonidas	1850 - 19 Jan. 1933
Edwin	1853
Louis	1855
Annie	1857
Howard	1860
Franklin W.	
Leonard M.	

From the back of one tradecard:

Our Coffee is absolutely pure, not glazed or colored, and is selected from our large stock of Green Coffee, with special references to its drink qualities.

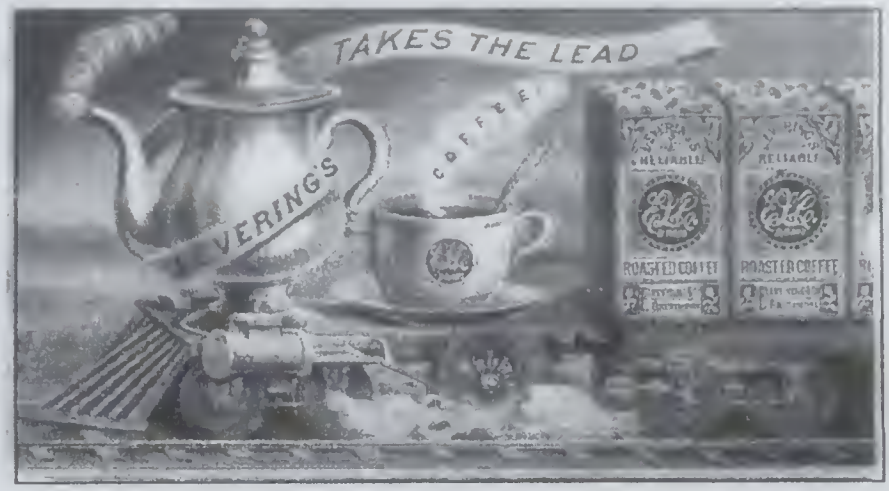
Glazing and coloring roasted coffee adds to the weight, and hides the imperfections, which is entirely against your interest as a customer.

Levering Trade Cards: (from the back of one of a series)

NOTICE. This Card is one of our series of 60 beautiful Lithographic Designs, engraved specially for us at heavy Expense. Each Card is numbered and we use the 60 Designs in every 60 Packages of our E. L. C. and PURE JAVA brands. The Cards are considered to be the most beautiful and pleasing Designs of their kind ever offered to the Public. Use our Coffee regularly and you will soon secure the entire Set (60 Designs) for you Scrap Book; or if any **- BOY - OR - GIRL -** in any part of the U. S. will send us Orders from one or more responsible retail Grocers for 200 pounds of our E. L. C. or Pure Java Coffees, in case lots. We will mail the sender free the full SET OF 60 DESIGNS. (Orders must be signed by the Grocers.)

Respectfully yours, E. LEVERING & CO. Established 1842.

Tradecard



A beautiful trade card given out by the company. One of many of trade cards that offered a premium listed on the back of the card. This one reads in very fine print: *Send two two-cent stamps for Levering's Coffee Cup and Saucer Placque (Large, original & Beautiful design).*

The company also offered free gifts to their customers if they send in clippings of the *ELC* brand monogram from their coffee pound packages. I believe the checkers and checkboard was one of these premiums. Usually checkers are black and red, but red and blue might have been the company's colors. I have checked our premium books in our collection and found checkers and checkerboards listed for children. Coupons or certificates were requested for items.

Many years ago, a friend of ours had this checkerboard for sale at one of the antique flea markets. I was allow to may a copy of it. The price was too high for me to purchase.

Backside of checkerboard American size 8"x8")

Many Marylanders would remember Levering's famous brand of *Lord Calvert* coffee.

On May 12, 1954, The Levering Coffee Company was purchased by Shaffer Stores Co., Inc. of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

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THE JULIEN FRIEZ TOKEN FROM BALTIMORE.

BY: W. WALLACE STONE R-47

Many of today's nationally dominant industries were begun by individuals who, possessing an abundance of practical technical skill and faith, spent a lifetime at hard work for the sheer joy of accomplishment. Such a man was Julien Friez. Of the same capable breed was his son Lucien. The elder, Julien was born in 1850 in the Alsation Village of Montbeillard, a small village not far removed from the historic town of Belfort, France.

Friez received a sound education and was apprenticed to the scientific instrument trade, which was practiced extensively in that area so close to Switzerland. At that time he found the economic conditions to be poor, and as a young man sailed for the United States, landing in New York in the year 1870. There were few skilled instrument technicians at that time, and as a young man was able to secure a position as an instructor at New York University. After a year in New York , he secured a job with an industrial firm in Illinois, then returned to Philadelphia, where he opened a small shop of his own . Times not being good financially in the 1870's, so in 1876 he moved again, this time to Baltimore. Here he opened an instrument shop.

The Baltimore city directory for the first 15 years listed him in a variety of occupations; machinist, clockmaker and as an electrician with locations on Ramsey, North Stricker and North Calhoun Streets. In 1891, when he was firmly established, he moved into a six story building at 107 German Street, along with other well known Baltimore firms of the times. The small plant had grown into a very well run enterprise. In 1896 he purchased a large dwelling at the corner of Central Avenue and Baltimore Street. After three years, in 1899, in a space to the rear of his building, he erected the first meteorological instrument laboratory in the United States. In 1904, the great Baltimore fire destroyed his plant at the Redwood Street address, the remnants were transferred to the Central Avenue site. The building was again enlarged and until his death in 1916 Mr. Friez directed the firm now called "Julien P. Friez & Sons". His sons were Julien M. and Lucien L. Friez . The company was able to monopolize the meteorological equipment field and to maintain its top position over the decades because of the family's passion for accuracy. They insisted on instrument perfection far beyond the then usual meaning of the term. This passion for perfection in instrument manufacture paid off well in later years, both in reputation and financial success.

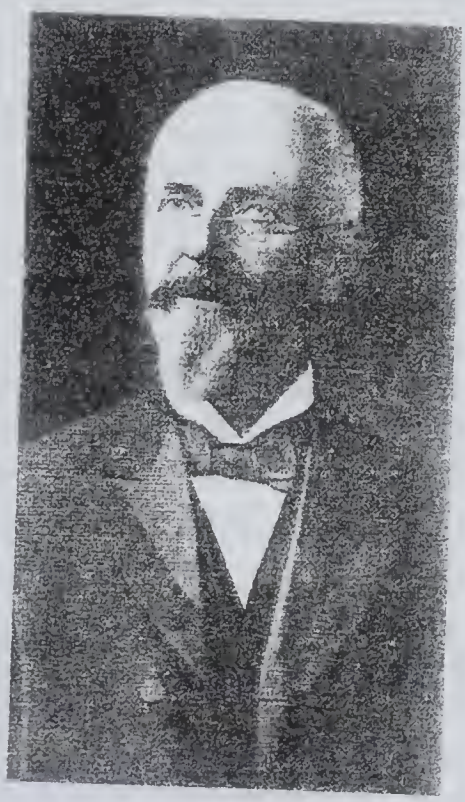
The fathers mechanical knowledge was good, not only in building weather instruments, but in related work as well. He constructed for Johns Hopkins a dividing machine that was able to mechanically divide a line into 30,000 parts to the inch. Amazing!! The company made and improved instruments for the U.S. Weather Bureau, (Now called National Weather Service) and continued to have a strong relationship with the Weather Bureau until 1929 at which time the Baltimore firm was acquired by the Consolidated Instrument Company of America. At the time of these changes Luicien

Friez continued to be in charge of the Baltimore plant. During the second world war, in 1942 a new plant was built for the new partnership of Bendix-Friez. At the conclusion of WWII the firm was able to buy back this building from the federal government .

In 1947, Lucien founded the Instrument Corporation and again returned to manufacturing Meteorological instruments . Due to his advancing years and poor health, the company was sold Two years later, in 1949 the name of the company was officially change to the "Balfort Instrument Company" in commemoration of the first meteorological observatory established in the United States at the Central Avenue and Baltimore Street address. Fast forward to 1978, when the firm was subsequently acquired by the Trans Technology Corporation, where high tech meters and instruments are still under construction.

A company tool check

issued a long time ago



Julien P. Friez

Circa 1903

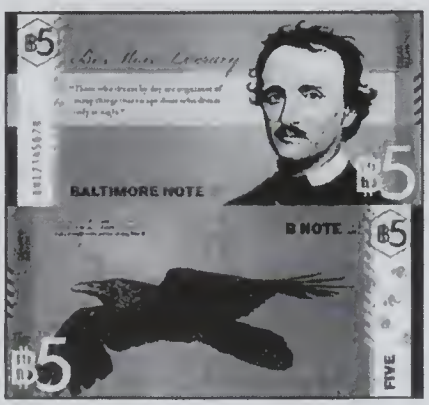
A FRIEZ ANEMOMETER INSTRUMENT

MEASURES THE SPEED OF WIND.

New Baltimore Currency Issued – Ed Craig LM#22

On 17 April 2011, the first of a new local Baltimore currency was issued. The "Baltimore Note" or "BNote" comes in two denominations; the One Dollar note with Frederick Douglass on the obverse and a Baltimore Oriole on the reverse, and the Five Dollar note with Edgar Allan Poe on the obverse and a Common Raven on the reverse. The One Dollar BNote obverse also has the phrase "Be More Free" and the Douglass quotation: " I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress." The Five Dollar BNote obverse has the phrase "Be More Literary" and a Poe quotation: " Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things that escape those who dream only at night." The reverses of the notes have Baltimore City buildings pictured in the background behind the bird. The normal dollar sign is replaced with a symbol for the BNote which is the letter "B" with a thinner letter "N" superimposed on the "B". On the reverse of each note is the following: "For use in the Baltimore community and at all BNote network businesses: BaltimoreGreenCurrency.org/bnote."

These colorful notes are printed on special paper stock with gold leaf serial numbering. The notes are marked as Series 2011. They were issued by the Baltimore Green Currency Association to foster local commerce. The designer of the 2011 notes was Richard Winchell. After the initial 17 April release, notes can be purchased at three Baltimore locations or "cambios". The above web site contains information about the issuing organization, the new currency, cambio locations and local merchants who accept the new currency. The notes pictured below are smaller than the issued notes.

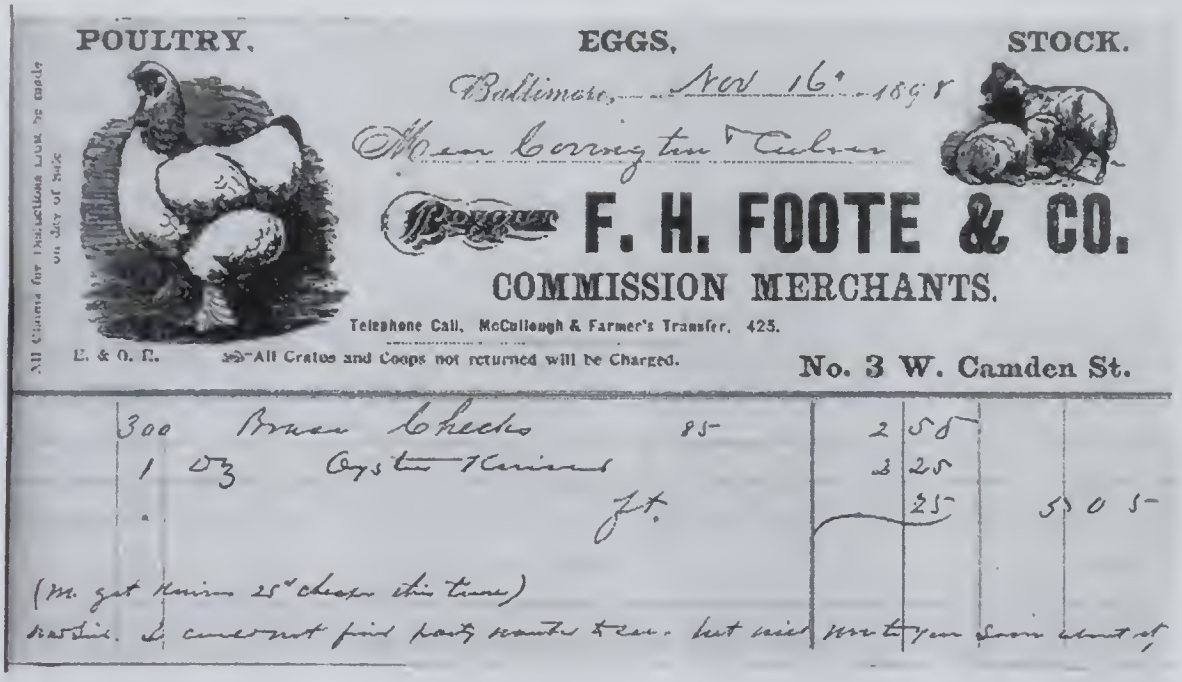


Covington and Culver - Tyaskin, Maryland

By: Russ Sears

As historical collectors, we are always looking for not only the specific items we collect, such as tokens, but also for other items from the company which used tokens and anything else related to the use. Recently, we had the opportunity to add to our collection an illustrated billhead from F. H. Foote & Co. of Baltimore. It is the bill to Covington and Culver of Tyaskin, Wicomico County for **300 brass checks** and one dozen oyster knives. "**Brass checks**" is another name for tokens. **This is the bill for sale of tokens.**

Located on the Nanticoke River, about 20 miles from Salisbury, Tyaskin was one of the many Eastern Shore communities involved with the oyster, fruit and vegetable packing business.


POULTRY. EGGS. STOCK.

Baltimore, Nov 16th 1897

Messrs Covington & Culver

F. H. FOOTE & CO.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

Telephone Call, McCullough & Farmer's Transfer, 425.

E. & O. R. All Crates and Coops not returned will be Charged.

No. 3 W. Camden St.

300 Brass Checks 85- 2 55

1 03 Oyster Knives 3 25

Jt. 25- 5 05

(M. got Knives 25¢ cheaper this time)

The Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer of 1887 lists two Covingtons, each with a store. Covington and Culver is not listed as a business. Lee Burton, in his book, Canneries of the Eastern Shore indicated that the earliest directory listing he found for Covington and Culver was 1915.

The Maryland Historic Trust in their Inventory of Historic Properties include the following:
"Standing in the center of the village of Tyaskin is a two-story store that operated for over a century on this site. Known simply as the F. B. Culver store during memories of most Tyaskin residents, the business carried the name Covington & Culver during the late nineteenth century. James Covington, who owned the house on the north side of the store, was joined in partnership with Franklin B. Culver, who is listed as a 24-year old "clerk in store" in the 1880 census. In addition to the mercantile business the firm of Covington & Culver also owned a saw mill and canning operation as well as several bugeyes that worked the Chesapeake Bay. The store operated by the Culver family until the carly 1960's."

We consider this piece to be a historical treasure which tells a little piece of the story about Maryland's Eastern Shore businesses and their relationships with Baltimore merchants.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (APG)

Millard Hajek

Aberdeen Proving Ground is a permanent post 35 miles northeast of Baltimore. APG is the U.S. Army's oldest active proving ground, established on October 20, 1917, six months after the U.S. entered World War I. Its location allowed design and testing of ordnance material to take place near contemporary industrial and shipping centers. The first gun was fired there on January 2, 1918. The proving ground was created as a successor to the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, which was too small for some of the larger weapons being tested. Besides the various testing and ordnance duties, it was a balloon station. Edgewood Arsenal, so-named in 1937, was originally called U.S. Filling Plant on Gunpowder Neck Reservation. It has also been known as the Chemical Warfare Center and Army Chemical Center. At the edge of Aberdeen Proving Ground, it again became part of that base in 1919. It is unknown in what era the tokens shown below were used. Fort Hoyle was part of Edgewood Arsenal. At the peak of World War II, APG had billeting space for 2,348 officers and 24,2189 enlisted personnel.

ORDNANCE EXCHANGE

OBVERSE: ORDNANCE EXCHANGE / 54 / ABERDEEN MARYLAND

REVERSE: 5 in a circle of rays

METAL: Aluminum **SIZE:** 22 mm **SHAPE:** Round

CATALOG NO. : Schenkman No. S-05-5

NOTE: Also exists in denomination 10 (24 mm) S-05-10, denomination 25 (28 mm) S-05-25, and denomination 50 (32 mm) S-05-50.

Two different dies were used to strike the 25 and 50 values. Under the value on the obverse, ABERDEEN is curved in one variety and straight in the second variety. This is illustrated here.

POST EXCHANGE

OBVERSE: POST EXCHANGE / 5 / ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS

REVERSE: 5

METAL: Brass **SIZE:** 22 mm **SHAPE:** Octagonal

CATALOG NO.: Schenkman S-P5-05

Note: Also exists in denomination 10 (26 mm) S-P5-10, denomination 25 (30 mm) S-P5-25, and denomination 50 (32 mm) S-P5-50

REFERENCES: Military Tokens of the United States, Volume 1 (Domestic Issues)
Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Aberdeen Proving Ground
Maryland Merchant Tokens, David E. Schenkman

National Junior Republic - Annapolis Junction

By: Russ Sears

The concept of a Junior Republic was begun on July 10, 1895 by William Reuben George who founded the George Junior Republic in Freeville, New York. It was in this period that putting youth in a "fresh air" environment would increased the likelihood of their becoming good and productive citizens. By establishing the republic, neglected and maladjusted youth could learn and work in jobs preparing them for future employment. There was a structured environment in which they went to school for a half day and worked for a half day. They were paid for their work and were required to pay for their food and housing. Special coins and currency were used for this purpose. U. S. money could not be used in the republic until 1906 when the republic money was phased out and U. S. money took its place.

Annapolis Junction originated in 1840 where two railroads met, the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. During the Civil War, troops passed through Annapolis Junction headed to Washington, D. C. Because it was the railroad route to Washington, many people, including presidents, went through this area. In June 1917, the United States government purchased 17,000 acres at Annapolis Junction for a National Army Cantonment which would train 40,000 to 60,000 men for at least one year. After the establishment of Fort George G. Meade, Annapolis Junction was absorbed by the new Fort.

SCHOOL, SHOP AND GYMNASIUM BUILDING BUILT BY JUNIOR LEAGUE, BALTIMORE

The National Junior Republic was founded in May 1899 and was based on the concepts of the George Junior Republic. It was located at Annapolis Junction on 149 acres. Mostly boys, but a small number of girls too, were typically 15 - 20 years of age, and were sent to

the republic by courts in Baltimore and Washington, and by parents who couldn't control them.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET

CLASS IN HISTORY

The republic was under the direction of superintendents. Inmates elected a president, vice-president and a general assembly. The president appointed the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Attorney-General, judge, chief of police and commissioners. Lawyers were under the supervision of the judge. In order to be a lawyer, one had to pass an exam based on the laws of the republic.

THE CURRENCY OF THE REPUBLIC WHICH THE CITIZENS RECEIVE FOR THEIR WORK AND WITH WHICH THEY PAY FOR THEIR BOARD, CLOTHING, ETC.

By 1914, there were 44 inmates and by 1924, the site was abandoned and overgrown.

Sources: Wikipedia
The New York Times, May 31, 1902
Fete Champetre (booklet) in aid of the National Junior Republic, February 7, 8, 9, 1907 at the Lyric (illustrations are from this source)
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